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said: "Gentlemen, we must fine the man \$100 under these instructions," when one Willis of the jury said: "Yes, that's what them instructions say, but they also say to give him excursion rates, so let's give him \$17 and court costs," which was done.—Case and Comment.

Sancte Ives! Sancte Ives!
Advocatus et non latro!
Res miranda populo!

SALLY O'BEAUCHAMP.

Baltimore, Feb. 22.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the Editor in Chief unless otherwise stated.

The Fixed Law of Patents, as Established by the Supreme Court of the United States and the Nine Circuit Courts of Appeal—By William Macomber, Counsellor in Patent Cases, Lecturer on the Law of Patents in Cornell University College of Law, Author of Engineer's Hand-book on Patents. 2nd Edition with Additions. Boston. Little, Brown & Company. 1913. Price \$7.50.

We are afraid that Mr. Macomber's title in view of his second edition sounds a little incongruous, for the fixed law of patents seems to have become decidedly unfixed since the first edition of this valuable book was published in 1909. We had occasion in November, 1909, to review the first edition of this admirable work and the words of commendation which we then gave to Mr. Macomber's work can be reiterated and if anything made stronger in regard to the present volume. Since the first edition was published the Supreme Court of the United States in the Mimeograph cases, the Western House Transformer Case and the Expanding Metal Case have decidedly unfixed a great many of what were thought to be fixed laws of patents in former days, and in addition to this a large number of decisions have been rendered since the first edition was published, and the additions they have made to the law, together with the changes made in the Federal Judicial Code render a new edition absolutely essential. The new work is admirable in every particular, both in arrangement, in citation and in statement. We desire particularly to commend the excellent index to the volume. The brief survey of the patent law given in the first seventy-six pages of the volume is a splendid example of digesting and plainly shows that Mr. Macomber's professorial duties have aided him in this work, which we commend alike to the scholar and the practitioner.